GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1240
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2003
LAWS RELATING TO WOMEN AND CHILDREN
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether laws relating to women and children have been amended only twice i.e. in 1984 and 1986 whereas other laws have been amended from time to time;

(b) if so, whether the National Commission for women has advocated a separate law for sexual abuse of children; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA)

(a) There are many laws concerning or affecting women or children. Different Ministries/Departments are responsible for administering these Acts and making amendment thereto as per felt need. A list of the laws identified in this area is annexed.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Annexure

(Referred to in reply to part (a) of Lok Sabha USQ No. 1240 for 10-12-2003)

List of laws concerning or affecting women/children

S.No.	Name of Act and Name of Administrative Ministry/Department
(1)	(2)
1	The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 (Department of Women and Child Development)
2	Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961 (Department of Women and Child Development)
3	Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 (Department of Women and Child Development)
4	Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956 (Department of Women and Child Development)
5	Family Courts Act, 1984

(Department of Justice)

6 Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986

(Ministry of Labour)

7 Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966

(Ministry of Labour)

8 Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976

(Ministry of Labour)

9 Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1979

(Ministry of Labour)

10 Employees State Insurance Act, 1948

(Ministry of Labour)

11 Equal Remuneration Act, 1976

(Ministry of Labour)

12 Factories Act, 1948

(Ministry of Labour)

13 Inter-state Migrant Workmen (Regulation of Employment & Conditions of Service) Act, 1979

(Min, of Labour)

14 The Infant Milk Substitutes Feeding Bottles and Infant Foods (Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 1992

(Department of Women & Child Development)

15 Maternity Benefit Act, 1961

(Ministry of Labour)

16 Minimum Wages Act, 1948

(Min. of Labour)

17 Payment of Wages Act, 1936

(Ministry of Labour)

18 Plantations Labour Act, 1951

(Ministry of Labour)

19 Workmen's Compensation Act, 1923

(Ministry of Labour)

20 Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971

(Department of Family Welfare)

21 Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation & Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994
Department of Family Welfare)

22 Juvenile Justice Act, 1986

(Min, of Social Justice & Empowerment)

23 Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929

(Legislative Department)

24 Foreign Marriage Act, 1969

(Legislative Department)

25 Guardians and Wards Act. 1890

(Legislative Department)

26 Indian Succession Act, 1925

(Legislative Department)

27 Married Women's Property Act, 1874

(Legislative Department)

28 Hindu Marriage Act, 1955

(Legislative Department)

29 Hindu Succession Act, 1956

(Legislative Department)

30 Indian Divorce Act, 1869

(Legislative Department)

31 Hindu Minority & Guardianship Act, 1956

(Legislative Department)

32 Hindu Adoption & Maintenance Act, 1956

(Legislative Department)

33 Special Marriage Act, 1954

(Legislative Department)

34 Muslim Personal Law (Shariat) Application Act, 1937

(Legislative Department)

35 Converts Marriage Dissolution Act, 1966

(Legislative Department)

36 Mental Health Act, 1987

(Deptt. of Family Welfare)

37 Cine Workers and Cinema Theatre Workers (Regulation of Employment) Act, 1981

(Ministry of Labour)

38 Mines Act, 1952

(Ministry of Mines)

39 Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872

(Legislative Department)